(ग) क्या निकट भविष्य में उपयुक्त व्यक्तियों का पंजीकरण किए जाने की संभावना है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और यथासमय सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

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Indigenous Manufacture of Condoms in the Country

265. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of various types of condoms in the country;

(b) how much of it is manufactured ingigenously; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to stop import of condoms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The requirement of condoms is worked out basing upon the target of Conventional Contractptive users fixed for the year. Under the Free Distribution Scheme only condoms of the 'Normal' variety are supplied. Both 'Deluxe' and 'Normal' varieties of condoms are sold through the Social Marketing of Contraceptives Programme. The share of each will depend upon the demands, and, it is decided at the beginning of the year, basing on the forecasts of sales, received from the Marketing Companies. For 1986-87, the total requirement of Condoms for both the Programmes is 756 million pcs. This is outside the quantities, the London Rubber Co., and other Firms sell in the open market, under their Brand names.

(b) The installed production capacity of Condoms of the three factories in the country is 713 million pcs. per annum as per break up given below:-

(In million pcs.)

(i) Hindustan Latex Ltd., Trivandrum (A Public Sector Undertaking of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare).... 288

(ii) M|s. LORCOM (Protectives) Ltd., Aurangabad, (A Joint Sector Company of London Rubber Co. & Government of Maharashtra)...200

(iii) M|s. London Rubber Co., Madras (A Private Co., of the TTK Group).. 225

(c) So far, the entire requirements of condoms of family Welfare Programme were met from indigenous production. However, during the current year 200 million pcs. are being imported through the UNFPA, in view of the continuous labour trouble and the final lock-out of LORCOM (Protectives) Ltd., Aurangabad in December, 1985.

For increasing the indigenous production, two new plants, one each at Trivandrum and Belgaum, with annual production capacity of 160 million pcs. each, have been installed, by the Hindustan Latex Ltd. The Trivandrum unit has started production and, the Belgaum unit is likely to go in for production before the end of the current year. Similarly, M|s. London Rubber Company, Madras has also augmented their capacity by adding another unit with a capacity of 60 million pcs. per year.

At the moment, Condoms are imported under the OGL, and, Considering both the inadequate indigenous production of condoms and the large number of couples to be protected, it is considered premature to stop imports of condoms into the country.